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## The Council of Seventy.

THE COUNCIL OF SEVENTY, the members of which are representative Bible scholars and teachers from many American universities and theological seminaries, has extended its organization to include a body of three hundred associate members. To this associate membership the COUNCIL has invited certain educators and ministers who stand for a higher religious education, and who have shown special interest and ability in promoting the best kind of biblical knowledge and study. By this extension of its membership the COUNCIL increases its representative character, hoping thereby to effect a national organization which can competently and successfully lead the growing, earnest movement for adequate religious instruction in America. That the conditions are ripe for this vital advance all thinking people are agreed ; and that some central organization can best unify and direct the advance seems clear. For this great work the COUNCIL exists, and the possibilities of its activity cannot be measured.

The selection of the three hundred associate members will take some time ; up to date, August 1, the following men had accepted membership :

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The INSTITUTE will issue, on October 1, a new course of Outline Study for those who have completed its four-year series, in accordance with its plan to issue a new course each year. The subject of the first of these additional courses was the work of *The Old Testament Priests*, an outline of which was given a year ago. The second one, to be issued next month, will be *The Social and Ethical Teachings of Jesus*.

Following is the outline of the second course :

#### OUTLINE OF A COURSE ON THE SOCIAL AND ETHICAL TEACHINGS OF JESUS.

I. *Subjects for each month (nine) of the course.*—(1) Introductory: The Sources and Form of the Teachings of Jesus. (2) God as King and Father. (3) The Highest Good (the Kingdom of God). (4) Sin and Punishment. (5) Repentance and Faith. (6) Brotherhood through Sonship. (7) Family. (8) Wealth and the State. (9) Constructive Summary.

II. *General method in each month's work.*—(1) Distinguishing the form and the content : (a) literary form ; (b) essential teaching ; (c) the modern equivalent. (2) The historical situation in society, so far as each topic is concerned : (a) the social institution, or status in general ; (b) the immediate occasion. (3) The recognition of Jesus' use of (a) Old Testament teaching ; (b) human experience in general ; (c) his own experience.

III. *Method in detail.*—(1) Presentation of material in connection with each passage : (a) material (form, situation, and occasion) ; (b) Old Testament parallels to the same ; (c) where possible, notions of the Pharisees on the same subject ; (d) the comparison and study of

(a), (b), and (c). (2) Division of work : (a) twenty days for the study of material ; (b) the twenty-first day for the formation of results ; (c) the twenty-second to twenty-ninth days a study of Jesus' own life as an illustration of his teaching on the subject ; (d) the thirtieth day, a suggestion of the teaching conformed to the needs of today.

Although these courses are primarily intended for those who have completed the four-year outline series, they are open to any who are prepared to take them. They are not difficult, but presuppose some previous systematic study of the Bible.

An important document now ready is the first issue of the *Quarterly Calendar* of the COUNCIL and of the INSTITUTE. It will set forth in compact but full form all the work of the COUNCIL and the INSTITUTE, under the following divisions :

HISTORICAL STATEMENT.	Elementary Courses.
THE COUNCIL OF SEVENTY :	Professional Reading Courses.
Constitution.	Linguistic Correspondence Courses
Declaration of Principles.	(Hebrew and New Testament
Officers.	Greek).
Names of Members.	English Correspondence Courses
Associate Members.	(the English Bible).
Special Committees.	Special Examinations.
Annual Meetings.	Lectures, Institutes, and Summer
Fellows of the Council.	Schools.
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SA-	Bible Study Sunday.
CRED LITERATURE :	Financial Support.
Management and Location.	Statistics.
Members of the Senate.	Affiliation of other Institutions.
Officers of the Institute.	Publication Work.

The *Calendar* will be issued quarterly, and mailed to all members and associate members of the COUNCIL ; also to all club leaders and co-operating ministers. To any others it will be sent upon application. This is the first time that the work of both COUNCIL and INSTITUTE has been represented in its entirety, and it will be most informing to anyone interested in the broad work which is being done.

Still another addition to the literature of the INSTITUTE is a twelve-page pamphlet on *How to Organize and Conduct Bible Clubs*. This also will be sent to co-operating ministers, and to any others, upon application.